

County Council Meeting
November 20, 2012

Present: Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Charlie Waninger, Jack Kroeger, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Wetherill, Auditor Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Spaetti at 5:30 P.M.

Spaetti offered condolences from the Council to Blake Bunner on the passing of his mother-in-law.

Spencer County Catalyst-Presentation

Ken Mulzer, Jr. with the new group, Spencer County Catalyst, gave a presentation to let the Council know what the group is about. They formed because of the need for commercial and residential development, their mission: to make Spencer County easy to visit, live in, grow and do business. What they are asking of the Council is to assign responsibility for development of a strategic plan for future growth, involving the LEDC, Redevelopment Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Council, Commissioners, and other elected officials that are in charge of making decisions in Spencer County. Get together as a group and come up with a strategic plan and develop that vision statement and vision for the county that says here is what we are looking for five years from now, and how we are going to measure ourselves along the way to make sure we are getting there. If we don't plan it, how will we know if we have accomplished it? After much discussion, the Council thanked the group for their work on the presentation and everyone agreed that something needed to be done in this area, to bring people together and get something done.

Minutes

Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes from October 16th with the correction of adding Matt Knepper being added as present at the meeting. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved.

Melissa Brockman-Spencer County Visitors Bureau

Brockman introduced Eric Snow President of the Tourism Commission and also with Holiday World as Special Events & Project Director. Brockman presented the 2013 budget for the Spencer County Visitors Bureau to the Council. Spaetti asked what the Inn Keepers tax rate for Spencer County was and how we compared to other counties in our area. Brockman responded that Spencer County is at 4%, Perry and Dubois are both at 5% and Vanderburgh is at 8%, the majority of Indiana is at 5%. After some discussion Kress made a motion to approve the budget of the Spencer County Tourism Commission for 2013. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed.

Additional

County General

Circuit Court/Pauper Document Fund \$20,000

Winsett made a motion to approve the \$20,000. Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed.

Circuit Court/Guardian Ad Litem \$4,000

Waninger made the motion to approve the \$4,000. Kress seconded the motion, motion passed.

Health Department

Public Health Preparedness \$20,500

Knepper made a motion to approve the \$20,500. Winsett seconded the motion, motion passed.